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ORIENTED DATA TRANSMISSION PATH

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

According to 37 C.F.R. '1.97(b)

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. '1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. '1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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**REMARKS**

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application, including those identified in the International Search Report, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

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**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**


References AA, AJ, and AQ were cited in the International Search Report. References AA and AK were discussed in the Specification—although reference AK is a German patent, its relevance was addressed by this discussion.

References AL-AN are provided as background material. Reference AL is in English, so no further commentary on its teaching is required. References AM and AN are German patents—an English language translation of the abstract has been provided and a full translation will be produced upon request of the Examiner.

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